

Three New Christmas CAROLS.



CAROL I.

*Rejoice and be merry, set sorrow aside,
Jesus Christ our Saviour was born on this tide,
In Bethlehem city in Jewry it was,
Where Joseph and Mary together did pass.*

CHORUS.

*And therefore be merry, set sorrow aside,
Christ Jesus our Saviour was born on this tide.
And there to be taxed, with many one more,
And Caesar commanded the same should be so.
And therefore, &c.*

*And when they enter'd the city so fair,
People from all parts to be taxed were there.
And therefore, &c.*

*Then Joseph and Mary, whose substance was small,
Could not in the inn have any lodging at all.
And therefore, &c.*

*Unless in the stable they would abide,
They might have no other at that same tide.
And therefore, &c.*

*Their lodging so simple they took in no scorn,
And before the next morning our Saviour was
And therefore, &c.*

*When Mary had swaddled her young son so sweet,
Even in an ox's manger she laid him to sleep.
And therefore, &c.*

*Then God sent an angel from heaven so high,
To certain poor shepherds which in the fields did lie,
And therefore, &c.*

*And bid them no longer in sorrow to stay,
Because that their Saviour was born on that day.
And therefore, &c.*

*And presently after the shepherds did spy
A number of angels appear in the Sky.
And therefore, &c.*

*Now certain wise Princes thought it not unmeet,
To lay their rich offerings at our Saviour's feet.
And therefore, &c.*

CAROL II.

*A Virgin most pure, as the Prophets did tell,
Should bring forth a young Son, as it befel,
To be our Redeemer from Death, Hell, and Sin,
Which by Adam's transgression we were wraped in
And therefore be Merry, ay, therefore be Merry
Rejoice and be Merry, set Sorrow aside,
For Christ our Saviour was born on this Tide.*

*In Bethlehem, a City in Jewry it was,
Where Joseph and Mary together did pass,
And there to be taxed with many one more,
For Caesar himself had ordered it so.
And therefore, &c.*



*They were constrain'd in the Stable to lie,
Where Horses and Oxen they used to tie;
Which Lodging tho' poor, they took in no Scorn,
But the next Morning Our Saviour was born.
And therefore, &c.*

*The King of Glory to this World was brought,
A mail Store of fine Linen to wrap him was bought;
But when she had swaddled her young Son so sweet,
Within an Ox's Manger she laid him compleat.
And therefore, &c.*

*And when they were enter'd the City so fair,
Vast Numbers of People so mighty was there;
That Joseph and Mary, whose Substance was small,
Could get in the Inn no Lodging at all.
And therefore, &c.*

*Then God sent an Angel from Heaven so high,
To certain poor Shepherds in Fields where they lie,
Who bid them no longer in Sorrow to stay,
For Christ Our Saviour was born on that Day.
And therefore, &c.*

*Then presently after the Shepherds did spy,
Great numbers of Angels to stand in the Sky;
Who joyfully talked, and sweetly did sing,
To God be all Glory, our Heavenly King.
And therefore, &c.*

CAROL III.

*CHRISTMAS now is drawing near at Hand,
Serve the Lord, and be at his Command;
And for a Portion God he will provide,
And give a Blessing to your Souls beside.*

*Remember Man, that thou art made of Clay,
For in this World you have not long to stay;
This wicked World will never be content
With all the Gifts the Lord hath sent.*

*Down in the Garden, where Flowers grow in
Ranks,*

*Down on your Knees, and give the Lord God
Thanks;*

*Down on your Knees, and pray both Night and
Day,*

Leave off your Sins, and live Upright, I pray.

*So proud and lofty is some Sort of Sin,
Which many take Delight and Pleasure in,
Which Conversation God he doth not like,
And yet he shakes his Sword before he strikes.*

*So proud and lofty do some People go,
Dressing themselves like Players in a Show,
They patch and paint, and dress with idle Stuff,
As if God had not made them well enough.*

*For little Children learn to Curse and Swear,
And can't rehearse one Word of godly Prayer:
'Twas just in God that did prevent the Plot,
Concerning when our Throats were to be cut.*

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